

EC Five Faces Sam Berry Tourney Foes

Four Torrance Quintets in Classic

Tribe Opens Against Cubs on Wednesday

Tournament time rolls around for El Camino cagers Wednesday when the Warriors begin a possible four-day stand in the 13th annual post-Christmas Sam Berry classic at Glendale.

Coach George Stanich's crew will open the classic at 12:30 p.m. when they take to the hardwood to meet Los Angeles City College.

El Camino's opening round foe will be out to avenge a 68-61 loss to the Tribe earlier in the year.

PACING the Cubs will be Wiley Burton and Steve Simmons, who each dumped in 15 points against the Warriors.

Although El Camino has been hitting at a 40 per cent clip from the field, the big downfall in offense has been a definite weakness from the foul line.

WHEN THE college of the Sequoias pulled out a recent 69-68 victory, the Redskins hit only 10 for 20 from the charity stripe.

FRESNO is the defending

champion but Glendale is the pre-tournament pick.

Warming up for the tourney, ECC took a 67-66 win from Citrus on Thursday. Citrus missed a shot with three seconds left as the ball rolled in the hoop and back out to allow Camino the win.

DOWN 30-23 at halftime, the Warriors jelled as a team in the second half to finally wipe out the Citrus lead.

Finally coming in his own, Tribe forward Ron Lewis popped in 20 points and pulled down 15 rebounds in his finest game ever.

Three Citrus starters hit in double figures but tough team play by ECC was too much to overcome. Bob Moon hit for 10, Gary Nixt and Sandy Cliborn contributed 8 apiece, and Vern Holte added 7 more to back up Lewis.



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Ascot Park Title At Stake Today

With the Figure-Eight championship in the balance, more than 70 drivers will take to the Ascot oval this afternoon in the final race of the year.

Racing begins at 2:30 p.m., preceded by time trials at 1 p.m.

Bob Hobbs, Gardena pilot, is the current point leader, and a win for him in the 15-lap main event would cinch the crown.

Both pilots, along with Venice's Red Griffin, are the

only drivers to win two main events on the tricky new Ascot course.

Torrance's Don Silveira, surprise winner last week, is the favorite. Silveira chipped in with his initial victory when leader Griffin spun out with only one-half lap to go.

No less than 15 previous main event winners will be shooting for their second triumph. From Torrance will be Frank McEwan, Al Knapp, Don Silveira, and his brother, Nestor.

Cage Tourney Draws Top Casaba Squads

Thirty-two basketball teams, including four Torrance quintets, will begin Wednesday vying for top honors in the Covina Tournament. All four local high schools, North, South, Torrance, and West, are entered. Ranked as favorites for the crown are Long Beach Poly, San Diego Hoover, Covina, and West Covina. Of the area schools, Torrance has the best opportunity to surprise, with North the only other team with a chance for the crown. South is winless while West has yet to play a varsity basketball game.

North

Inexperienced North will oppose Arroyo at 3 p.m. at Covina High on Wednesday.

Saxon mentor Skip Enger plans to go with Steve Van Camp and Mike Gratzke at forwards, Al Lepper at center, and Don Ireland and Terry Tierney at the guards.

Enger also expects Carey Hubert and Phil King to see plenty of action. North's finest game of the year came in the opening round of the Beverly Hills Tournament when highly-rated Beverly Hills fell, 54-51.

South

As expected, things have not been too rosy for South cage coach Jim Hanny.

Hanny was left without a single letterman and, although the Spartans have shown promise in early tournament tilts, are winless to date.

On Wednesday at noon, in the Covina gym, South will attempt to post its initial win of the year against a rugged Glendale quintet.

Starting for South will be Dick Stieg, Chuck Robinson, John Thomas, Stu Farber and Ken Halland. Also expected to see action are John Stanley and Byron Schweigert.

Torrance

Surprising Torrance will open the five-day tournament at 10:30 a.m. in the Covina gym against Pomona Catholic.

Tartar boss Will Boerger will open with Lynn Archibald and John Ricci at forwards, Steve Waters at center, and Ernie Claxton and Gary White at the guards.

Boerger also expects Randy Hester, Marty Holly, and Mike Blankenship to see considerable action.

Torrance has stunned experts with its early-season showing. THS finished fourth in the Pacific Shores tournament and sixth in the Beverly Hills classic.

West

Getting their first basketball competition, West cagers will open against West Covina at 3 p.m. on the Northview High court.

Coach Tom Sutherland has yet to put his athletes through their paces in an official game, and the Warriors should get a good workout against tourney co-favorite West Covina.

Six men will compose the bulk of the West team. Terry Febles, Dick Hall, John Cochran, Dani Thomas, Steve Cooke, and Bob Hebert will see plenty of action.



PERFECT BOWLER . . . Gable House Bowl recorded its first 300 game last week when Tino Ferlazzo rolled a perfect game in an open play session. Ferlazzo is shown at left receiving a trophy from John Ingalls, resident manager of the Gable House. The perfect game was bowled on lanes five and six.

Fete North, Torrance

Local Optimists Honor Gridders

Members of the two Torrance championship football teams were saluted the past week by the local Optimist Club at its regular dinner meeting.

Bay League champ North and Pioneer League kingpin Torrance were honored at the banquet.

Representing Torrance High were Optimist member and head coach Irv Kasten, team captain Clyde Taylor, and left tackle Bob Sonju. Head mentor Ed Levy, team captain Richard Parker, and quarterback Norm Dow represented North.

TAYLOR has played four years of high school football and plans to enter El Camino College to pursue a course in industrial arts. Sonju has served as class president, class vice president, and president of the varsity club during his high school years. He hopes to pursue a career in the field of law.

Dow, who has played both football and basketball in high school, hopes to go to the University of Southern California where he aspires to become a mathematics teacher.

PARKER, WHO IS taking a college preparatory course in mathematics and science, has been class president three times. He has spent time in Greece through the student exchange program.

Pointing to the records of the four boys, Kasten said, "These are not just athletes, but they are good students and have a moral and spiritual value which is proven out on the football field, in the classroom and on the campus."

Levy also pointed to the players' outside achievements, noting, "It takes more than just athletes to produce the type of teams that these two high schools had this year."

Televised Game Pits Ice Foes

Six games are scheduled in the California Hockey League this week with the Long Beach Gulls and Los Angeles Canadians clashing before KTLA's cameras at 2:30 today at the Culver City Rink.

Gull tutor Doug Bentley is well satisfied with his team's play in its first four games. After being tied by Bakersfield in their opener, the Gulls have swept past their next three opponents and are neck and neck with the Burbank Stars in a hotly contested feud for the league lead.

Ernie Rucks, Don Makow and Ken Watson, offensive aces for Long Beach, have their guns set for displacing the league's top scorers. Rucks peppered Bakersfield's net-tender Phil Headley for three goals last Sunday and appears headed for a highly successful season.

PLAYER-COACH Max Bentley, having recovered from a flu attack, returns to the Burbank lineup this week. His play is sure to help the Stars in their three games, one against Los Angeles and two with Bakersfield.

Next Sunday's TV match will be played between Los Angeles and Burbank at Pickwick.

The Fearless Spectator

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Under the direction of a Norse blakerskite named Knute Rockne, the University of Notre Dame in the 1920s did more than any other agency to give the Irish-American male (or narrowback, as we called ourselves) an identity he could live with, and goals far higher than he ever before dared hope for.

Rockne could and did talk the kilt off a Highlander. He has given history the bathos of the "Win this one for the Gipper, lads," locker-room speech. (Which has been unkindly translated by Jim Murray of Los Angeles, as "Gyp one for the winner, lads.")

But he was a winner, withal. The former chemistry teacher created football teams which turned a small Catholic college into a national institution. He was named coach in 1918 and through 1930, his teams won 195 games, lost 12, and tied five. His use of the forward pass converted football into a new game.

It was Rockne who firmly pinned the label "The Fighting Irish" on his warriors. This described the undergraduate body, perhaps. It seldom, if ever, reflected the ethnic pitch of the football team.

As Notre Dame's fame grew, it became the ambition of every saloonkeeper and politician on the eastern littoral to buy into the legend of "The Fighting Irish" by sending his sons to South Bend.

There grew, too, a strange bit of New York city fauna called the subway alumni." Most of these coarse-grained Irish lads read with their lips. They didn't know Thomas Aquinas from a hot rock, but they cared passionately whether Rockne's team upheld the Celtic traditions of pointless pugacity.

When Notre Dame won, the subway alumnus scored in his heart each autumn Saturday a stunning victory over the forces of law and order (They beat the Army, didn't they?), and his wife, and his boss, and the dreadful dullness of his emigrant's existence.

Then one fine day the school went terribly Christian, shaving shoveled in a proper lot of shekels at the gate. In 1946, there came a day when there were more candidates for the glee club than for the football team.

This year the South Bend gladiators have achieved a bit of a revival. Although royally thumped by USC, the boys had a pretty good late season—licking in succession Navy, Pittsburgh, North Carolina and Iowa.

And the team, oddly enough, is more Irish than it ever was.

Up from the ranks that include Kolasinski, Kutavitch, Rutakowski, Slafowsky and Vitalich, have come lads like Hogan and Farrell and Kelly. Not to speak of Carroll and MacDonald.

Halfback Don Hogan led the club's surprising comeback as the leading ball-carrier, going 412 yards for a 5.4 average. Fullback Joe Farrell ran 227 yards, and was second gainer on the squad. End Jim Kelly had developed into one of Notre Dame's finest pass receivers. Jim Carroll and Tom MacDonald are strong defensive men.

What all this betokens, I'm not sure I know.

It was widely believed by the Irish, myself included, that we went into big-time athletics because our fathers told us about those engaging little employment ads published in the paper circa 1900 advertising "No Irish Need Apply."

When we got our revenge in sports, the theory went, we turned the glory over to the next emergent minorities from the Mediterranean and Central Europe and elsewhere. While we Irish, having made it, turned Republican and joined country clubs and learned how to pronounce Balmain.

Maybe we weren't such damned snobs after all. The news from Notre Dame is heartening.

This is a cheery reversion of the American dream. Instead of shirtsleeves to shirtsleeves in three generations, we may now read, perhaps—football to football in two generations.



TOURNAMENT CAGERS . . . Ready for the Sam Barry Tournament are El Camino cagers (Top, L-R) Keith Lent, Jim Brennan, Ron Lewis, Sandy Cliborn, Paul Bush, Ben Haxton, Paul Ingleman, and captain Bob Moon. Bottom L-R are Bob Garcia, Bob Pier, Charles Tomblin, Colvin Kindschl, Verne Holte, Gary Nixt, and George Bennett.

Torrance Well Represented In Thompson's Speed Show

Torrance will be well represented when Mickey Thompson opens his third annual Speed Boat Show Thursday at Shrine Exposition Hall in Los Angeles.

Not only will there be several local cars displayed, but local beauty, Marley Arrowsmith is entered in the "Miss World of Speed" beauty contest that is held each night of the show.

Marley works as a secretary for AllResearch in Torrance and is a model. She was runner-up in the recent "Miss City of Hope" beauty contest.

TORRANCE entries along the mechanical line come from Jon Morris and W. H. Vincent.

Morris has entered his 1925 Buick Touring car. It is a sleeper, as he has installed a big Buick V-8 engine in what would otherwise be an antique.

VINCENT'S entry is a magnificent Ferrari coupe that is a "one of a kind" body style by Boano, and took top honors in the Paris, France, car show the first year after its completion.

From Gardena, Mike Rossen has entered his customized 1958 Chevy Impala, and Rudy

Eleven Winners Top Program

Eleven former main event winners bid for victory this afternoon at Western Speedway.

Racing will begin at 2:30 p.m. with time trials opening at 1 p.m.

Ed Van Eyk and Jim Roessler, with four feature wins apiece, head the star-studded driving field for the day's 100 laps of driving on the one-third mile clay oval.

Ramos, of boat fame, his new pride and joy the "Golden Thing," world record holding drag boat. Ramos just recently bought the "Thing," and has rushed through rebuilding and painting the boat in an effort to race it in today's "Red Wilson Benefit Races" at Marine Stadium and display it at Thompson's Speed Show.

ROLAND HILL of Harbor City will have his sharp little '27 "T" roadster entered in the hot rod division.

Craig Breedlove's 37 foot long jet streamliner will be one of the featured displays, along with Mickey Thompson's own Challenger I, the fastest car in the world, and three dream cars from General Motors Styling Division.

THE DREAM cars are the much publicized experimental Corvette Sting Ray roadster that clocked 175 mph on the back stretch at Riverside, the 550 horse power "X-400" Pontiac convertible and the never before shown "Super Spyder" by Corvair.

In the marine field, the spotlight will be on "Miss Bardahl," last year's Gold Cup champion. This 30 foot, 200 mpr giant should be the center of attraction, as unlimited hydros in Southern California are as scarce as hen's teeth.

ANOTHER HOT number in the boat division is Barry McCown's "Banzai" that has been clocked at 155 mph in a quarter mile.

In all, over 200 cars and boats will be displayed in the show, which fills all three floors of the Shrine.

AS ADDED attractions, there

will be nightly contests with live entertainment, scale model electric sports car and drag racing, an engine balancing display that will be in operation through the entire show, plus the beauty contest, which will have eliminations each night.

The queen will be chosen and crowned on Dec. 30, at 6 p.m.

SHOW HOURS are from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

The Shrine is located near the corner of Figueroa and Jefferson, just off the Harbor Freeway.



QUEEN CONTESTANT . . . Marley Arrowsmith of Torrance and speed king Mickey Thompson admire a Ferrari coupe, the only one of its kind ever built. The car will be on display in Thompson's Auto and Boat Speed Show, Dec. 27-30. Miss Arrowsmith will compete for the "Miss World of Speed" beauty title, also in the show.